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October 2008

1 Consumer Price Index (CPI), All Items, 2002 = 100

Month	CPI	Annual Rate of Inflation	
Whitehorse			
Oct '08	114.9	4.1%	(Oct '07 to Oct '08)
Sep '08	114.8	3.6%	(Sep '07 to Sep '08)
Oct '07	110.4	3.9%	(Oct '06 to Oct '07)
Canada			
Oct '08	114.5	2.6%	(Oct '07 to Oct '08)
Sep '08	115.7	3.4%	(Sep '07 to Sep '08)
Oct '07	111.6	2.4%	(Oct '06 to Oct '07)

Comparing the month of October 2008 with October 2007, the **annual** rate of inflation in Whitehorse (4.1%) was1.5 percentage points higher than the **annual** rate of inflation in Canada (2.6%). This is the sixteenth consecutive month that Whitehorse has been higher than the national rate.

On a **monthly** basis, in Whitehorse (figures for the Yukon are not available) overall prices **increased 0.1%** from September to October 2008.

Major **monthly increases** were seen in the following CPI commodities:

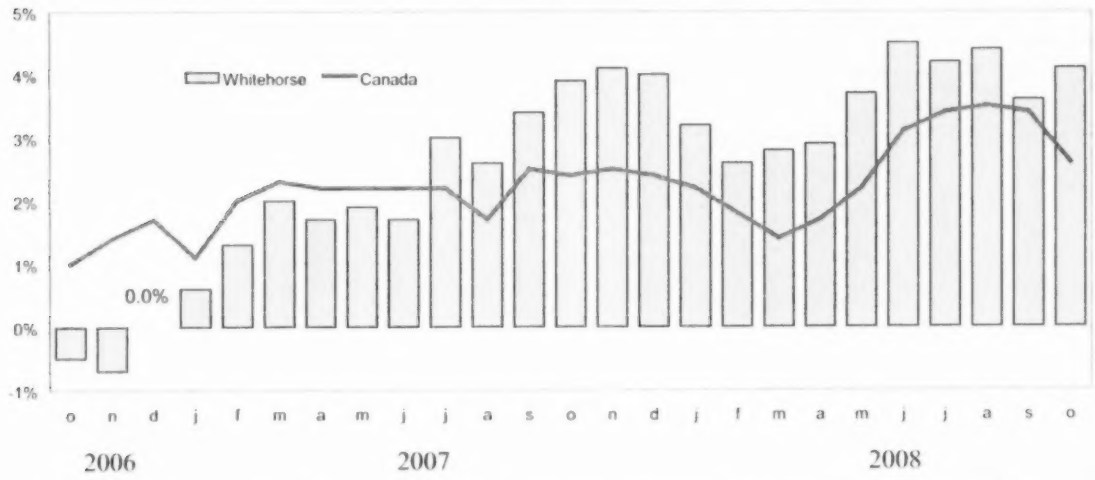
- rent
- property taxes
- inter-city transportation

Some of the major **decreases** offsetting **monthly** increases were:

- gasoline
- traveller accommodation
- personal care supplies and equipment

Annual increases for Whitehorse in October were again in mortgage interest cost, fuel oil and other fuels, and gasoline. Offsetting some of these **annual** increases were decreases in purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, personal care supplies and equipment, and reading material and other printed material (excluding textbooks).

Inflation Rate

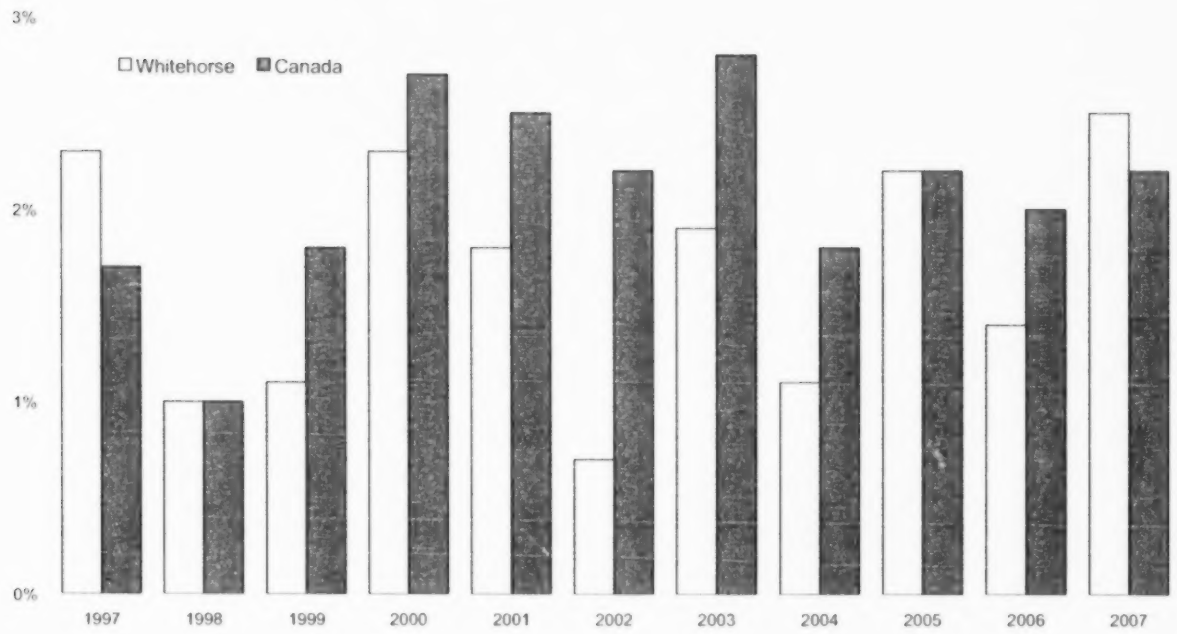


Each bar represents a month of the year, with the first letter of the month's name listed below the bar.

2 Consumer Price Index History - Annual Averages

Whitehorse (2002 = 100)			Canada (2002 = 100)		
Year	All-Items Index	% Change From Previous Year	Year	All-Items Index	% Change From Previous Year
2007	109.5	2.5	2007	111.5	2.2
2006	106.8	1.4	2006	109.1	2.0
2005	105.3	2.2	2005	107.0	2.2
2004	103.0	1.1	2004	104.7	1.8
2003	101.9	1.9	2003	102.8	2.8
2002	100.0	0.7	2002	100.0	2.2
2001	99.3	1.8	2001	97.8	2.5
2000	97.5	2.3	2000	95.4	2.7
1999	95.3	1.1	1999	92.9	1.8
1998	94.3	1.0	1998	91.3	1.0
1997	93.4	2.3	1997	90.4	1.7

3 The Annual Average Rate of Inflation in Whitehorse vs. Canada



4 Consumer Price Index — (All Items, 2002 = 100)

Index for Whitehorse 2006/'07

Month	2006	2007	% Change
Jan	106.4	107.0	0.6
Feb	105.9	107.3	1.3
Mar	105.9	108.0	2.0
Apr	106.9	108.7	1.7
May	107.5	109.5	1.9
Jun	107.9	109.7	1.7
Jul	107.5	110.7	3.0
Aug	107.7	110.5	2.6
Sep	107.2	110.8	3.4
Oct	106.3	110.4	3.9
Nov	106.3	110.7	4.1
Dec	106.3	110.6	4.0
Year Average	106.8	109.5	2.5

Index for Canada 2006/'07

Month	2006	2007	% Change
Jan	108.2	109.4	1.1
Feb	108.0	110.2	2.0
Mar	108.6	111.1	2.3
Apr	109.2	111.6	2.2
May	109.7	112.1	2.2
Jun	109.5	111.9	2.2
Jul	109.6	112.0	2.2
Aug	109.8	111.7	1.7
Sep	109.2	111.9	2.5
Oct	109.0	111.6	2.4
Nov	109.2	111.9	2.5
Dec	109.4	112.0	2.4
Year Average	109.1	111.5	2.2

Index for Whitehorse 2007/'08

Month	2007	2008	% Change
Jan	107.0	110.4	3.2
Feb	107.3	110.1	2.6
Mar	108.0	111.0	2.8
Apr	108.7	111.8	2.9
May	109.5	113.6	3.7
Jun	109.7	114.6	4.5
Jul	110.7	115.3	4.2
Aug	110.5	115.4	4.4
Sep	110.8	114.8	3.6
Oct	**110.4**	**114.9**	**4.1**
Nov	110.7		
Dec	110.6		
Year Average	109.5	-	-

Index for Canada 2007/'08

Month	2007	2008	% Change
Jan	109.4	111.8	2.2
Feb	110.2	112.2	1.8
Mar	111.1	112.6	1.4
Apr	111.6	113.5	1.7
May	112.1	114.6	2.2
Jun	111.9	115.4	3.1
Jul	112.0	115.8	3.4
Aug	111.7	115.6	3.5
Sep	111.9	115.7	3.4
Oct	**111.6**	**114.5**	**2.6**
Nov	111.9		
Dec	112.0		
Year Average	111.5	-	-

5 Consumer Price Index for Whitehorse — October 2008

	Index			% Change	
	October 2008	September 2008	October 2007	Sept. '08 to Oct. '08	Oct. '07 to Oct. '08
All-Items	**114.9**	**114.8**	**110.4**	**0.1**	**4.1**
Food	114.1	113.0	107.3	1.0	6.3
Shelter	131.9	129.9	121.7	1.5	8.4
Household Operations & Furnishings	101.5	101.5	101.5	0.0	0.0
Clothing & Footwear	101.7	101.8	101.1	-0.1	0.6
Transportation	118.8	120.4	116.8	-1.3	1.7
Health & Personal Care	107.2	109.2	107.7	-1.8	-0.5
Recreation, Education & Reading	95.1	96.9	96.5	-1.9	-1.5
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	131.9	131.8	118.0	0.1	11.8
Special Aggregates					
Energy	163.0	167.4	142.9	-2.6	14.1
All-Items excluding Energy	110.3	109.8	107.2	0.5	2.9

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is produced on a monthly basis by Statistics Canada. The data used to determine the CPI are collected by survey and the results are released in Statistics Canada publication The Consumer Price Index, catalogue no. 62-001. The Index is used to determine price change (inflation) in a given city or province over time. In order to calculate the inflation rate in an area, an index for two time periods is required. The percentage change in this index from one point in time to the next is known as the 'rate of inflation' (or 'rate of deflation' if there is a decrease).

The current official time base of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) is 2002 = 100.

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